

In the Abstract, replace with:

Electronic mail software includes a main email component and a number of installable components which communicate bidirectionally with the email component through an application programming interface (API). The installable components include authoring/reading components ~~as well as at least one~~ and a mailbox browser/editor component. The main email component provides an underlying graphical user interface (GUI) for functions directly associated with the storage and transfer of electronic mail messages. ~~In particular, the main email component provides menu items which allow the user to SEND, READ, REPLY, FORWARD, DELETE, SAVE, PRINT, for example.~~ The main email program and also handles all data bundling and unbundling that may be required to transform a message created by an authoring component into a fully MIME compliant message. In addition, the main email component includes "hooks" (an application programming interface or API) for the attachment of the installable components. ~~The main email component includes an API for the attachment of installable components.~~ The authoring/reading components each provide functionality particular to the type of document the component is designed to create/display. ~~According to the invention, some~~ Some modular components, or messages created by them, have assigned "roles" whereby senders and recipients of certain email documents are provided different kinds of access to the documents.

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment requires that the Applicant resubmit the amendment to the specification including markings and to present the abstract on a separate sheet. It is respectfully submitted that the two preceding pages satisfy this requirement.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

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